versions) showing reasons for delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T.-1762/92]

13.00 hrs.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Sixteenth, Seventeenth and Eighteenth Reports

[*English*]

SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJAPYEE (Lucknow): I beg to present the following Reports (Hindi and English versions) of the Public Accounts Committee:-

(1) Sixteenth Report on action taken on 140th Report (Eighth Lok Sabha) on Wheel and Axle Plant, Yelahanka.

(2) Seventeenth Report on action taken on 141st Report (Eighth Lok Sabha) on Interest Tax Assessment.

(3) Eighteenth Report on action taken on 161st Report (Eighth Lok Sabha) on Sales Tax.

13.0 1/2 hrs.

BUSINESS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fourteenth Report

[*English*]

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): I beg to present the Fourteenth Report of the Business Advisory Committee.

13.01 hrs.

MATTERS UNDER RULE 377

(I) Need to set up a Sugar factory at Orthanad in Tanjore district of Tamil Nadu

[*English*]

SHRI K.THULASIAH VANDAYAR (Thanjavur): Sir, Orthanad in Tanjore district to Tamil Nadu is one of the leading producers of sugarcane in the State. A sugar mill in this place will help in providing employment to the people of this area and also help the farmers in getting good return for their cane crops. The cost of production will also be contained if the sugar factory is set up in the vicinity of Orthanad. Thank you.

(II) Need for immediate central intervention to ensure supply of adequate water to Palakkad (Kerala) Under Parambikulam - Aliyar Project

[*Translation*]

*SHRI V.S. VIJAYARAGHAVAN (Palghat): *The Parambikulam-Aliyar major

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*Translation of the matter originally raised in Malayalam

[Sh. V.S. Vijayarahavan]

irrigation scheme was prepared on the basis of the agreement in 1958 between Tamil Nadu and Kerala. In 1970 both States signed the Parambikulam-Aliyar Project agreement. This major project with an outlay of Rs. 138 crores was completed in 1972. The term of agreement on sharing the water between the two States was 30 years. It should have been renewed in 1988 which has not been done. The Tamil Nadu Government contends that with the experity of the term of agreement the whole project has become their and they are not prepared for a new agreement. Under the agreement, Kerala should have received enough water from Chitturpuzha to irrigate 40,000 acres of land. But Tamil Nadu never gave Kerala its due share as they released only the excess after in the resrvoir during the rainy season and adjust it against the claim of Kerala.

Under the Parambikulam–Aliyar agreement, Kerala has to get annually 12,300 millions oft. water from the Sholayar Ponner House, 7,250 million oft, from Manakadav and 2,500 million cft. which is the excess over 16,500 million cft. from Parambikulam group dam. However, it is found that Kerala is getting an average of only 10,520 cft. water. This has created serious problem for agricultural operations in Palakkad which is the rice bowl of Kerala.

I would request the Union Government to take immediate steps and ensure the supply of adequate water for Palakkad under Parambikulam-Aliyar Project and solve the problems of the farmers. Thank you.

(iii) Need to provide financial assistance to the State Government of Madhya Pradesh for early completion of its irrigation projects

KUMARI VIMLA VERMA (Seoni): Mr. Speaker, Sir, the State of Madhya Pradesh, surrounded by seven States is blessed into abundant water resources, but it has not been able to exploit them to the for want funds. The construction work on major dams reamin incomplete even years after the scheduled time. The Bargi and Sanjay Sarovar Projects are striking examples in this regard. Therefore, within the next two years, the Government should complete the main canal and distributary canals on the left bank of the Bargi project and narrow the canal on the right bank to provide irrigation facilities in Jabalpur district and also sanction and complete the project to lift water to provide irrigation facilities in Jabalpur district and also sanction and complete the project to lift water to provide irrigation facilities to other parts of the Jabalpur district. The Central Government is requested to take necessary steps and provide adequate funds, project-wise, for the same.

Similarly, the Sanjay Sarovar Project should be completed within two years. Adequate funds should be allocated for the Sanjay Sarovar Project to lift water from Kadhwara Main Canal to provide irrigation facilities in the Bargaht area and the area from Small to Pandiya Chapra.

The work on the Pench project should also be commenced forthwith and priority should be given to the canal being constructed for irrigation in Seoni district. The Government is also requested is also requested to sanction the proposed Project to tap the waters of Pench to provide irrigational facilities in the adivasi block of kurai and allocate adequate amount for the same.